


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

Claims 1 - 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicants note that new claims 14 - 19 are the allowed claims in the parent application (10/337,498) to the present case. Applicants further note that the allowed parent application (10/337,498) will be abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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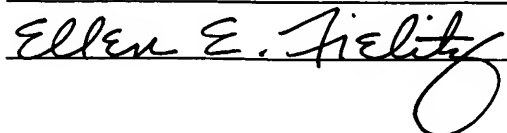
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